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The galleried portico with white columns of Rose Hill Mansion is approached on a circular driveway off an entrance road adjoining the north boundary of the Governor Thomas Johnson High School from the west side of North Market Street (old Route 15).

This home of Maryland's first elected governor, Thomas Johnson, expresses an expanded, comfortable country living near Frederick during the Federal period, after the American Revolution and during the growth of the new nation. Erected c. mid-1790's by his daughter and son-in-law, the Governor retired here during the last years of his life.

The portico forms two porches: one on the ground floor at the entrance level with four Doric columns supporting an entablature of triglyphs and one above on the second floor with four Ionic columns supporting the pediment.

The porch and exterior of the house are decorated with an elaborate, carved cornice, and other intricate woodwork. The design is a transition style, between the late Georgian of Tidewater Maryland, and the Greek Revival style.

The entrance hall is wide. At the north end a broad staircase rises to a landing from which a window overlooks the north garden. The stair continues up to the third story in six units of steps. The upper rails and bannisters are light in weight and plain.

To the east of the south end of the entrance hall there is a twenty-six foot square drawing room containing six windows, a mantel piece, and a large chandelier with crystal prisms.

To the west of the entrance hall a dining room of the same generous dimensions recalls an age of good living and entertaining, for which the house was designed.

The second floor center hall south door opens directly onto the upper level of the porch and overlooks the Governor Thomas Johnson High School.

On either side of the upper hall are two large south bed chambers with fireplaces. The two smaller north bedrooms have had a bathroom partitioned off from each room. The result of this practical plan has not spoiled the arrangement of the house. Two large rooms have been finished and plastered in the attic above.

A kitchen with a fireplace next to the north stairway

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Thomas Johnson (1732-1819), a close political associate, honored friend and champion of George Washington whose eulogy he delivered, chose Rose Hill as his retirement home during the end of the eighteenth century. His political career included being the first elected Governor of the State of Maryland (1777-1779); serving as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court (1791-1793); nominating George Washington as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. Johnson helped to form, and was instrumental in the passage and adoption of, the first constitution for the State of Maryland (1776) as well as assisting in framing the United States Constitution in 1788. He served as a commissioner on the Board of Commissioners responsible for authorizing Pierre L'Enfant, architect, to plan Washington, D. C., the federal He declined an invitation to become the United States Secretary of State under President Washington.

Johnson purchased, in 1778, 225 acres of the 7000 acre Tasker's Chance tract on the Monocacy River. The entire tract had been originally patented to Benjamin Tasker, President of the Governor's Council (Provincial) for 32 years of his 46-year membership (1772-1768) in the Council. He was acting Provincial Governor of Maryland (1752-1753) between the death of Samuel Ogle and the arrival of Horatio Sharpe, Ogle's successor.

Daniel Dulany, Senior, (1685-1753), of Annapolis to whom Tasker's Chance passed, divided the 7000 acres in 1744. On one section he laid out Frederick Town (1745) now Frederick City. Dulany and Tasker each held political offices in Annapolis. Dulany served as an alderman for Annapolis; a delegate to the Maryland Assembly (1722-1742); a member of the Provincial Governor's Council. Dulany wrote "The Rights of Inhabitants of Maryland to the Benefit of English Laws" in 1728 and served on the 1730 commission in order to settle the boundary with Pennsylvania.

Johnson, who came to Frederick with the eighteenthcentury population influx, did not erect a building on his -see continuation sheet-

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#### #7. DESCRIPTION continued

occupies the one wing west of the main block.

There are several small rooms over the kitchen wing. A recent carport has been erected between the kitchen and a brick smokehouse. The smokehouse has "barred" windows, and had flues as outlets for the smoke while curing meat. This little building was converted to an apartment and extra space added to the north. There is an old tool house to the southwest, and an old livestock barn to the north.

A formal garden with old trees occupies about a half acre north of the mansion.

#### #8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

portion of Tasker's Chance. Instead, in 1788, he gave the land to his daughter, Ann Jennings Johnson. The house was built as a home for herself and her husband, Major John Grahame (1760-1833), Frederick County Militia. Grahame was a native of Calvert County; his father Charles Grahame of Patuxent Manor, Calvert County, was an outstanding political figure in late eighteenth-century Maryland and a close associate of Thomas

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### Rose Hill Manor

#### #8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

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Major Grahame, a member of the first Board of Directors of the Frederick National Bank, was mentioned several times in the Episcopal vestry records of All Saints Parish, Frederick County, 1742, as were Henry Ridgely Warfield, William Goldsborough, Benjamin Ogle and Francis Scott Key.

Entering politics in 1813, Grahame was elected to the Maryland Legislature as a Federalist and was nominated and accepted in 1816 as an elector of the state senators, as was Roger Brooke Taney (1777-1864), leader of the Maryland Federalists. Taney was a subsequent cabinet member under President Andrew Jackson and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (1835-1864). (The Taney house in Frederick City was restored with the help of the Maryland Historical Trust.)

In the first decade of the nineteenth century, the Grahame household expanded to include Thomas Johnson, who, as a recent widower, left his home, "Richfields", in order to live with his daughter. Johnson retired from public life holding no position other than that of an acknowledged leader of Frederick County. From 1794 until his death in 1819, Johnson performed only one civic duty: he delivered a panegyric in memory of George Washington on February 22, 1800. Johnson's friendship with Washington and his distinguished career of public service made him the obvious person to be selected to deliver this eulogy.

Thomas Johnson was born November 4, 1732, in Calvert County. He studied law in Annapolis and entered politics through the Maryland Assembly (1762). In the 1700's he joined the movement that separated the thirteen colonies from England. On June 15, 1775, at the urging of John Adams (1735-1826), Johnson nominated George Washington for the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. Johnson joined the army in 1776, and organized the "Flying Camp", so called for its ability to move quickly. In that same year Johnson helped to frame and adopt the first constitution of the State of Maryland. In February of 1777 the Legislature elected Johnson as Maryland's first Governor, a position he held until November 9, 1779. In 1780 he returned to the Legislature. In 1788 he was instrumental in the Maryland ratification of the United States Constitution. From 1791 to 1793 Johnson sat on the United States

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#### Rose Hill Manor

### #8. SIGNIFICANCE continued

Supreme Court. From 1791 to 1794 he served on the Board of Commissioners for Washington, D. C., and it was this Board of Commissioners that hired Pierre L'Enfant to plan the city. In 1794 President Washington asked Johnson to become Secretary of State but he declined. From 1794 until 1819, Johnson held no political office although he must have kept in touch with events. He would often visit Roger Brooke Taney's law office in Frederick.

While Johnson lived at Rose Hill George Washington never visited him there. On the night of August 5-6, 1785 Washington did stay with Johnson in Frederick County. This event occurred before Rose Hill was built - while Johnson's home was "Richfields."

(Source: John C. Fitzpatrick, editor, The Diaries of George Washington 1748-1799, 4 volumes, Boston & New York: Houghton Mifflin, 1925, II, p. 397-398).

After the death of Governor Johnson in 1819, the Grahames occupied Rose Hill until 1833. During the nineteenth century, the house and land had several owners including John McPherson who operated the Catoctin Iron Works. The records of these transactions refer to the land as part of the first patent of Tasker's Chance and no reference is made to the significance of Rose Hill as the last home of the first elected Governor of the State of Maryland. In 1906 the tract was again called Rose Hill, when title to the house and 156 acres was passed to Noah E. Cramer, of Frederick City, who modernized the house. Cramer was a successful businessman who had established a real estate and loan business in Frederick. He served as a director of the First National Bank of Frederick, the Frederick Building and Loan Association, and as an officer of the Woodsboro Turnpike Company.

A representation of Rose Hill is hand-chased on the Frederick County silver game platter used on the cruiser, USS MARY-LAND. The silver platter is on display (1971) in the Maryland State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

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ROSE HILL MANOR - Southern Maryland Plantation Georgian House

This large, brick, 2-1/2 story manor house faces the south, is five bays wide and two bays in depth with a 2-1/2 story brick side addition being three bays wide and two bays in depth. The main house walls are two feet thick above the colonial watertable which rises four feet above the ground level and is capped by moulded brick. The front facade is laid in Flemish bond and all other is in common bond. This is fronted by a central, three bay wide portico with a second story gallery and large columns headed by Doric capitals on the first floor and Ionic capitals on the second. The whole is crowned by a wide pediment lighted by a lunette window. The gallery is balustraded and adorned on the front by a cornice bearing Greek temple triglyphs. A similar pediment with lunette window also graces the rear elevation.

The home is entered by a three part doorway with double doors of ten panels framed by Doric pillars, a paneled enframement, a four-pane overlight, dentiled transom bar, and white marble sill. A more simple, three part entrance on the second story leads to the gallery. Windows of the main house are of 9/9 sash on the first floor and 9/6 sash on the second floor with colonial shutters having widely spaced louvers with hand wrought hardware and headed by jack arches. The attic is lighted by 9/6 pane round arched dormer windows headed by local style stepped gables on the front and real. The wing has 9/6 sash windows, flat brick arches, and matching colonial shutters.

Both sections are protected by moderate slope "A" frame roofs of wood shingles. Wide enclosed chimneys rise from each gable of the main house with the roofline fronted by a modillioned cornice, including the pertico. The wing has an end chimney and simple moulded cornice. The house rests on a low fieldstone foundation with brick cellar walls.

To the rear is a beautiful colonial garden enclosed by native fieldstone walls. It is accented by an attractive, two-tier cast iron fountain with the pedestal and bowls decorated by Greek acanthus leaves. This is topped by a "putti" embracing a swan. On either side are beds of herbs and seasonal flowers.

Remaining dependency buildings include a brick smoke house with hour glass design louvers and a hipped roof multipurpose building.

The interior has a central hallway, six panel doors, moulded cornices, and colonial fireplaces, including one for cooking in the kitchen wing.

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An excellent example of southern Maryland Georgian plantation houses.

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